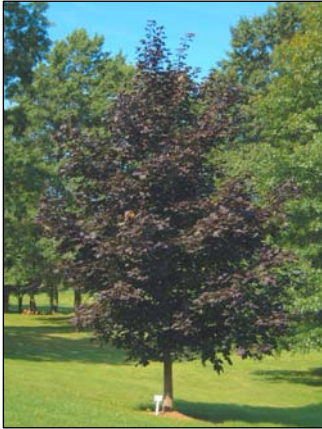


What's being planted in Cleveland

Luke Easter Park – October 10, 2007



“Crimson King” Norway Maple (*Acer Platanoides*)

“Crimson King” Norway Maples grow 35 to 45 feet high and spread about 25 to 30 feet wide. They are quite popular because of their purple-green foliage throughout the summer. Leaves turn brown, dark maroon or bronze in the fall before dropping. The oval- to rounded-shape crown fills with maroon-yellow flowers in the spring. “Crimson King” Norway Maples are probably best used as a shade tree or in a group tree planting to add accent to an area. Many types of birds use “Crimson King” Norway Maple seeds as a food source.

Pin Oak (*Quercus Palustris*)

Pin Oaks are fast-growing, tolerate wet soils and like full sun. Their glossy, dark green leaves turn russet, bronze or red. These trees can grow 60 to 70 feet high and spread about 25 to 45 feet wide. The Pin Oak is distinctive because of its unusual branching habit. Upper branches are upright, middle branches are horizontal and lower limbs slant gracefully toward earth. Pin Oaks are widely used as a street and landscape tree. Acorns from this tree are eaten by wild turkeys, whitetail deer, squirrels and smaller rodents but are a particularly important food for ducks. The name “Pin Oak” comes from its short, tough branchlets located along the branches and limbs. Its native habitat is the moist bottomlands of the central Midwest and middle-Atlantic states.



Callery Pear (*Pyrus Calleryana*)

Callery Pear is a deciduous tree growing to 15 to 20 meters high, with a conic to rounded crown. White flowers are produced in early spring and the fruit is readily taken by birds. In summer, the foliage is dark green and very smooth, and in autumn the leaves commonly turn brilliant colors. It is tolerant of a variety of soil types, drainage levels and soil acidity. The symmetry of several cultivars lends to their use in somewhat formal settings, such as office parks or industrial parks. Its beautiful white blossoms can be seen in early spring along the boulevards of many eastern U.S. towns.